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DX News

Covid-19 Radio Communication Event

On June 6 & 7 over 6000 worldwide participants made the COVID-19 Radio Communication Event a great success. While the logs are still coming in (over 800 at this time) some interesting statistics have already surfaced. The number of countries that participated in the event is more than 120 and the total number of participants was a lot higher than expected. Ten OH*STAYHOME stations with 45 operators resulted 29.039 QSOs. (STAYHOME OH Total 132.000). The STAYHOME category was won by ZW5STAYHOME with 4050 QSOs followed not far behind by OH1STAYHOME with 3797 QSOs. The highest Single Operator category score is still unknown at this time as the logs are still coming in. Several high scorer WRTC operators were participating, even the winner LY9A.

<https://www.dx-world.net/covid-19-radio-communication-event/>

IOTA QSO matching via LoTW (by Cezar VE3LYC)

In view of repeated requests received from IOTA enthusiasts on a couple of aspects, please allow me to provide a few explanations, in hope that they will be helpful.

<https://www.dx-world.net/iota-qso-matching-via-lotw/>

The E44CC story

With thanks to the E44CC team for sharing their February 2020 Palestine DXpedition story which can be downloaded here: <https://www.dx-world.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/E44CC-Story.pdf>

SW0DXA DXpedition of DXpeditions

A few weeks ago, DX-World ran a survey to establish which **SW0DXA DXpedition of the Year** would become outright winner over a 30 year period. Today, now the survey is closed, we can reveal that over 1300 votes in total were cast. Hearty congratulations to the overall winner: VK0IR Heard Island 1997

<https://www.dx-world.net/sw0dxa-dxpedition-of-dxpeditions/>

DXCC

This week on air

This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.

KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY Miguel, W1SRR will be deployed in Guantanamo starting from June until March 2021. Operation as KG4MA during his spare time on HF using SSB and digi. QSL information not yet known.

YI, IRAQ Giorgio IU5HWS is in Iraq until mid-July. He's going there with the Italian Army Airborne Brigade. QRV on 40-20-10m. Giorgio will update his YI/IU5HWS page on QRZ.com with more details later.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS Frank, KK5XX is operating as ZF2FD from Grand Cayman until June 17. Activity on 80, 40 and 20 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

IOTA

This week on air

EUROPE

EU-042 Sylt Isl Volker, DL1WH is active as call/P until June 19. Operation on HF using CW with some SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-070 Kiska Isl Yuri N3QQ, Vyacheslav OK8AU, Yuri UA9OBA and others will be active as KL7RRC/p from Kiska Island on June 10-15 and as KL7RRC from Adak Island on June 17-19. Activity with 3 stations using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via N7RO.

NA-144 Santa Rosa Isl Oleh, KD7WPJ will be active on June 12-14. Operation from 40 meter until 70cm using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

NA-158 Fire Isl Bryden, KC1KUG is active as KL7/call until June 27. Operation mostly on 40 and 20 meter using SSB and CW. QSL via home call.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

3X, GUINEA The F6KOP team (E44CC) is preparing an DXpedition to Guinea and Kassa Island AF 051 during January 2021. Operation with 5 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. More to follow.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be active as PJ7AA from February 27 until March 27, 2021. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.

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3B8, MAURITIUS A team with GOCKV and others will be active as 3B8M during the CQWW CW contest (Nov 28-29). Activity before and after the contest on the low bands. QSL via M0OXO.

3Y, BOUDET The Rebels will try to activate Bouvet somewhere December 2020. More to follow.

5X, UGANDA Shabu, M0KRI (ex VU7RI, 9U4RI) will be QRV as 5X1RI from end-July to mid-August. More to follow.

8Q, MALDIVES Yosuke, JJ1DQR will be active from Male as 8Q7QR from September 4 until September 8. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. An entry in the All Asian DX Contest is included. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

A3, TONGA Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as A35GC from October 19 until November 2. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logs uploaded during the DXpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

CEOY, EASTER ISLAND Hans-Martin, DK2HM will be operating as XR0YHM between August 27 and September 7. QRV in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW or home call direct or bureau.

CEOY, EASTER ISLAND The Polish DXpedition Team with Jan SP3CYY, Jurek SP3GEM, Wlodek SP6EQZ, Janusz SP6IXF, Roman SP9FOW and Piotr SP9RCL will be active as xr0ysp FROM September 15 until September 30. Plans are to be QRV with 3 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8.

CY0, SABLE ISL Permission for a DXpedition has been authorized from October 19 until October 28. The team: WA2DAN, N2IEN, K5DHY, K5YY, K4UEE, WW2DX, AA4NC, N8AA, N2TU.

<http://cy0dxpedition.net/index.html>

E6, NIUE Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as E6AM from September 28 until October 17. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logs uploaded during the DXpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

FM, MARTINIQUE Uwe, DL8UD will be active as TO5O during the RSGB IOTA contest (July 25-26). Before and after he will operate as FM/call. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS.

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON A Canadian and American group of operators will be operating as TO5T between August 10 and August 17. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via WB2REM, OQRS Club Log and LoTW. <http://to5t.com/>

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Eric, KV1J will once again be active as FP/call somewhere end September and begin October. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW. <http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July20.html>

FS, ST MARTIN David, F8AAN will once again be active as FS/call from November 18 until December 4. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW only. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA Tom, KH0/KC0W informs: I have been given the OK by my employer for a two week DXpedition to FW land (Wallis & Futuna). This will be a CW only operation with a strong emphasis on Europe. Bands will be 40 – 6 meters. I'm seriously contemplating FT8 on 160/80 meters ONLY but it all depends how much room the 160/80 meter verticals will take up. Unfortunately, Saipan airport has been closed for the past month so I can't leave KH0 land even if I wanted to. As soon as everything opens up I'm ready to be FW/KC0W.

KH4, MIDWAY ISL Ron, KH6DV announces a trip to Midway in October 2020 for about 2 weeks. Midway Atoll is #14 on the Clublog most wanted list and has not been active for some time. The aircraft used for the logistics flights has been downsized and visitors are no longer allowed to fly to the island. Operators interested in joining the expedition should be prepared to undertake a 6.75 day ocean voyage. The vessel DXpedition veteran A/S Machias can be seen on my QRZ page KH6DV. The vessel will provide all power (2 x 27KW generators and air conditioned sleeping, operating and galley areas.) More to follow.

OX, GREENLAND Henning, OZ2I will be QRV as XP2I during the CQWW CW DX contest (November 28-29). QSL via LoTW preferred.

OY, FAROE ISLANDS Torsten DL4APJ and Udo DL2AQI will be operating as OY/calls from September 15 until September 23. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via homecalls, bureau and LoTW.

P4, ARUBA Bill N4IQ and Bob ND7J will be operating as P4/call between July 15-22. An entry in the IARU contest as P40US is included (July 11-12). <http://p4aruba.com/>

PJ4, BONAIRE Rich, M5RIC will be operating as PJ4/call from September 22 until September 29. An entry in the CQWW RTTY is included as PJ4CC. QSL via M0OXO.

T2, TUVALU The Rebels will be QRV as T22T (pending) somewhere during spring. More to follow.

T33, BANABA The Rebels will be operating as T33T the first half of 2020. More to follow.

T8, PALAU Look for JM1LIG/T88FM, JA6UBY/T88RR and JO3LVG/T88MK between September 12 and September 21. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi.

TT, CHAD The Italian DXpedition Team will be active as TT8RR (CW, SSB and RTTY) and as TT8XX (FT8) between September 29 and October 12 from Ndjamen. Nine operators (I1FQH, I1HJT, I2PJA, I2YSB, IK2CIO, IK2CKR, IK2DIA, IK2HKT and IK2RZP) will be active with four stations on all bands. QSL via I2YSB (direct only).

<http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/>

V4, ST KITTS John, W5JON will once again be QRV as V47JA from Calypso Bay between August 22 and September 5. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW or home call direct.

VK9W, WILLIS ISLAND The 2016/2019 CY9C team, and the upcoming Sable Island DXpedition CY0C team, is pleased to announce our next DXpedition. After the Sable CY0C DXpedition, they will go to Willis Island VK9W in 2021. 8 Operators from those two teams will comprise the 2021 Willis Island DXpedition team. Boat arrangements have already been made. We are currently working with the Australian government for the necessary permits. (WA4DAN). More to follow.

XT, BURKINA FASO Max, DK1MAX will once again be active as XT2MAX later this year. QSL via EA5GL. More to follow.

YN, NICARAGUA Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Activity from November 21 until December 5. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

Z6, KOSOVO A German team will be operating as Z66DX between October 15 and October 28. Operation with 3 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi.

<http://www.z66dx.de/>

ZA, ALBANIA Franz, OE6TQG will be operating as ZA/call from September 6 until September 17. Operation on all bands using all modes. QSL via home call.

ZD7, ST HELENA Oliver, W6NV will once again be active as ZD7W during the CQWW CW contest (November 28-29). QSL via LoTW.

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NORTH AMERICA

NA-039 Adak Isl KL7RRC will be QRV from Adak Island between September 11 and September 18. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via N7RO.

OCEANIA

OC-037 New Zealand Sub Antarctic Islands The Perseverance DX Group (PDXG) has some unfinished business. Several members participated on the 2012 ZL9 activation that was cut short by weather. After their successful VP8PJ South Orkney Islands 2020 DXpedition, PDXG is pleased to announce their intention to activate the New Zealand Sub-Antarctic Islands (ZL9), Club Log #24 most wanted, in the 2021-2022 time-frame. The plan includes 160-10m operation, CW/SSB/RTTY/FT8, with emphasis on 160, 80, 60, 40 and, propagation dependent, 12 and 10 meters.

The landing permit process is pending and discussions with transportation partners have begun. However, the Covid-19 lockdown has caused significant delays and uncertainty.

OC-139 Kangaroo Isl Grant VK5GR and Andrew VK5AKH mention: that the VK5KI Expedition to Kangaroo Island (IOTA OC-139) has been rescheduled, although it has also been scaled down. It will not be coinciding with the IOTA contest for 2020 and instead will be held during the South Australian school holidays between July 13-18. It is also being converted into a holiday-style expedition. Operation from 80 to 10 meter and perhaps 160. <https://vk5gr-iota.net/>

Antarctica base stations

Mirny Station Alexander RX3ABI is operating as RI1ANM until early 2021. Activity on HF when time permits. QSL via home call.

Syowa Station The 61st Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition's overwintering team at the Syowa Station on East Ongul Island (AN-015), Antarctica includes Taka, JA1AGS and Hiro, JH7JCX. In their spare time they are QRV from the 8J1RL club station, with activity on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 metres mainly FT8. They will be there until January 2021. QSL via the bureau to 8J1RL, or direct to JG2MLI.

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

G, ENGLAND Marking the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Royal Corps of Signals, special callsign **GB100RS** will be operated by members of the Royal Signals ARS from England on 28 June-8 August, Northern Ireland on 9 August-5 September, Wales on 6 September-3 October, and Scotland on 4-17 October. Additionally, **GB100RCS** will be active from the HQ station at Blandford Camp, Dorset as soon as permission to reopen it is received. See <https://rsars.org.uk/> for more information. (TNX 425DX)

GW, WALES Also celebrating the centenary of Nellie Melba's recital will be **GB0MZX** from Wales, operated by members of the Dragon Amateur Radio Club (GW4TTA) on 12-21 June. QSL via operator's instructions. Certificates will be available, details will be published on <https://www.qrz.com/db/GB0MZX>. (TNX 425DX)

UA, RUSSIA **R20RUS** and **RU20RU** are two special callsigns for the Miller DX Club (<https://mdxc.ru/>) to celebrate Russia Day on 8-14 June. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. Russia Day, the national holiday of the Russian Federation, has celebrated annually on 12 June since 1992. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA Special callsign **VI110WIA** celebrates the 110th anniversary of the Wireless Institute of Australia. Operation until end 2020, it is available for use by WIA affiliated clubs and all WIA members. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA The Wireless Institute of Australia has joined the "Stay Home" campaign and be active as **VK20HOME** until end 2020. The special call is available for use by WIA affiliated clubs and all WIA members. QSL via LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

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5B, CYPRUS Amateur radio operators in Cyprus celebrate the 60th anniversary of their Cyprus Amateur Radio Society (CARS) during 2020 as **prefix 5B60** (e.g. 5B4AIX turns into 5B60AIX). For QSL information see qrz.com.

5Z, KENYA The Radio Society of Kenya is proud to share with you the activation of our special event call sign **5Z4STAYHOME** in recognition of the extraordinary circumstances the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic has wrought globally!

The message is loud and clear: let's play our part in staying safe and help stem the spread of COVID-19 by observing social distancing, washing hands frequently, and wearing a mask to prevent infections.

9M, MALAYSIA Due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak, everyone is encouraged to follow the new norms of life with social distancing, washing your hands frequently and wearing face masks whilst being outside in public, even working from home (WFH). MARTS wishes to thank SKMM for approving the following special event callsigns to be used for a period of three months starting 15 May 2020.

- **9M4STAYHOME**
- **9M4DUDUKRUMAH**
- **9M4COVID19**

These callsigns will be activated on HF and VHF frequencies covering SSB, CW and Digital modes from various locations all over Malaysia.

Coordinators are 9M2PRO, 9M2MDX, 9W2VWT and 9W2PD.

A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES The Emirates Amateur Radio Society (EARS) has several "StayHome" stations active to raise awareness for social distancing and sheltering in place during the COVID-19 pandemic:

A60SH/1 operated by A61M QSL via A61BK
A60SH/2 operated by A61Q QSL via EA7FTR
A60SH/3 operated by A61NN QSL via A61NN
A60SH/4 operated by A61BK QSL via A61BK
A60SH/5 operated by A61DD QSL via A92AA
A60SH/6 operated by A61QQ QSL via A61BK
A60SH/7 operated by A61FJ QSL via LZ1YE
A60SH/8 operated by A61K QSL via A61BK
A60SH/9 operated by A61AY QSL via A61AY
A60SH/10 operated by A61FK QSL via A61BK

BV, TAIWAN Look for **BV120SU** to celebrate the 120th anniversary of Soochow University. Operation on HF until August 4. QSL via BU2EQ. (TNX DXNL)

CO, CUBA CO200SMP celebrates the 200th anniversary of San Miguel del Padron (SMP), one of Havana's municipalities. QRV until June 30 from 160 to 10 meter using SSB, CW, FT8. QSL via CO2AME (d). (TNX DXNL)

CO, CUBA Operators of the Ham Radio Club Manual Alvarez are celebrating the centenary of the first radio station founded in 1920 by Manuel Alvarez. Operation as **T46W** on June 26, 27 and 28; August 21, 22 and 23. QSL via LoTW.

DL, GERMANY DL250BEETH (special DOK 250LVB) joins the celebration of Ludwig van Beethoven's 250th birthday until the end of the year. QSL via DJ6SI direct or bureau. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY DM30RSV is the special call to commemorate the formation of the Radiosportverband, the first independent national ARC in Germany. QRV until October 2. QSL via bureau, LoTW or direct via DK5ON, logsearch Club Log. <https://www.darc.de/der-club/referate/dx/7oe-jahre-darc-3oe-jahre-rsv/>

DL, GERMANY DA2025C (special DOK 2025CH) supports the bid of Chemnitz to become the European Capital of Culture in 2025. QRV until the end of January 2021. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY DL35SDR (special DOK 35SDR) draws attention during 2020 to the rapid development of SDR technology during the past 35 years. It also recognises the achievements of Prof. Ulrich L. Rohde (DJ2LR) in that field. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY DA0DOM (special DOK 500DOM) draws attention to the completion of the cathedral in Magdeburg in 1520. QRV during 2020 from 160 to 13 cm using CW, SSB, digital modes and FM. QSL via bureau, DL8CWA (d), LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY Celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club (the German IARU society), special calls **DF70DARC** and **DP70DARC** are on air during 2020. QSL via bureau, LoTW or direct to DK5DC; logsearch on Club Log. <http://www.70darc.club/> (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY Yannick, DK1YH and others are active as **DL30GER** during 2020 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the German reunification process. QSL via the bureau or direct via DK1YH. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY Special call **DL100BKW** is active throughout 2020 to mark the 100th anniversary of the first broadcast transmission from the Radio Station Koenigs Wusterhausen (22 December 1920), which is regarded as the birth of statutorily regulated broadcasting in Germany. QSL via Club Log OQRS. A certificate will be available, see qrz.com for information. (TNX DXNL)

EA, SPAIN The special event station **EG1FSB** operates in the context of the Festivals of San Bernabe and the La Rioja Day until June 14. QSL via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

F, FRANCE Mado F1EOY and others will be active as **TM5ISY** until June 13 and at various other times until October 14. The special callsign is in memory of Carine Dubois, F5ISY, who passed away on 3 November 2019. QSL via F1EOY.

F, FRANCE Michel, F8GGZ will be active as **TM50PSG** on 16-20 June, and again on 23-28 July. The special callsign is in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Paris Saint-

Germain F.C., the most successful French professional football (soccer) club in history. (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE Look for **TM18JUIN** to commemorate 80 years de l'appel Juin 18, 1940. Operators from ARC F4KLR will be active on June 13-14, 18-19-20-21 and 27 on HF, VHF and DMR. QSL via F4AHN bureau. See QRZ.com.

F, FRANCE The radio club at the Percee du Bocage Museum (F4KKE) will operate CW, SSB and FT8 as **TM80CDG** until June 20 to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the "Appeal of 18 June" made by Charles de Gaulle from the BBC in London. QSL via F4KKE (bureau) and LoTW. Often regarded as the origin of the French Resistance against the occupation during World War II, the appeal is one of the most remarkable pieces in the history of radio broadcasting, and as such it has been inscribed to the UNESCO's Memory of the World Register. (TNX 425DX)

G, ENGLAND The National Health Service (NHS) is the publicly funded healthcare system of the United Kingdom. More so than ever, it's at the forefront of saving lives in the war against COVID-19. The UK licensing regulator (OFCOM) has given written approval for operators around the UK to use **GB0NHS** from within the comfort of their own shacks. Get in touch with [Col MM0NDX](#) if you'd like to run this special callsign with immediate effect.

G, ENGLAND Celebrating the British Amateur Radio Teledata Group's 60th anniversary, special call **GB60ATG** is used from the various DXCC Entities in the United Kingdom until end June 2020. QSL via M0OXO. Complete information on the event and the BARTG Diamond Jubilee Award can be found on <http://bartg.org.uk/wp/> (TNX 425DX)

GM, SCOTLAND **GB2OL** takes part in the SOS Radio Week from the Orkney Islands (EU-009, IOSA OR01) and operates until June 19 to support the charity fund drive for the Longhope Lifeboat. QRV on HF on CW, SSB, PSK, and FT8. QSL via GM0WED (d). (TNX DXNL)

HB9, SWITZERLAND **HB40HTC** and **HB40HC** are QRV for the Helvetia Telegraphy Club that is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2020. QSL via bureau and LoTW. A special activity programme - the HB Open CW Activity (HB-OCWA) Award - will be in place throughout the year to mark the anniversary, help activate the special callsigns and also "inspire amateur radio operators in Switzerland and elsewhere to increase CW activity on the HF bands. The intent of the award is to encourage and reward them for conducting sustained CW conversations rather than short-duration CW signal reports". <https://hb-ocwa.ch/>

HK, COLUMBIA Members of the Liga Colombiana de Radioaficionados (LCRA, HK3LR) support the current pandemic restrictions with the callsign **5JSTAYHOME**. QSL via HK3LR. (TNX DXNL)

HS, THAILAND Members of the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand (RAST) are active as **E2STAYHOME** until July 15. All QSOs will be confirmed via LoTW and the bureau, direct cards via E21EIC. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Look for **IO6STAY** during the COVID 19 period. Operation until July 20. QSL via IK6QON direct.

I, ITALY Look for **II3FYT** to celebrate 5 years of Gruppo Radio Dispersi. QRV during 2020. (TNX IW3HV)

I, ITALY Members of the 4U1GSC Amateur Radio Club is active as **4U25B** until end August. It draws attention to the 25th anniversary of the United Nations Logistics Base in Brindisi. QSL via 9A2AA direct or bureau. (TNX DXNL)

I, ITALY ARI Fidenza will use a series of special calls during 2020 to commemorate 12 major events and achievements in Guglielmo Marconi's life:

<u>June:</u>	II4REP Rescue of the ocean liner "Republic" (1909)
<u>July:</u>	II4NBL Marconi is awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics (1909)
<u>August:</u>	II4CLT Inauguration of the radio station at Coltano (1911)
<u>September:</u>	II4PTN Marconi applies for his first patent (1896)
<u>October:</u>	II4LGH Marconi switches on the lights at Sydney Town Hall from Genoa via wireless transmission (1930)
<u>November:</u>	II4RVT Inauguration of Vatican Radio (1931)
<u>December:</u>	II4MDY Marconi Day at Chicago World's Fair (1933)

QSL via IQ4FE, bureau or direct. See <http://arifidenza.hamlogs.net/> for the award and more info.

I, ITALY The ARI section of Bruneck activates the callsign **II3STAY** until end 2020. QSL via IN3ZWF (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

I, ITALY 4U9STAYHOME operates from the UN Global Service Center's Amateur Radio Club (4U1GSC) until June 15. QSL via 9A2AA (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

JA, JAPAN Members of the JARL Okinawa Branch are supporting the reconstruction of Shuri Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage building which burned down on Oct. 31 2019, with the special event station **8N6SHURI** during 2020. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

JT, MONGOLIA JU85UIA celebrates the founding of the University of Internal Affairs 85 years ago. Operators throughout 2020 are JT1CH, JT1BZ, JT1BU, JT1DR, JV1A, and JT1BV. QSL via JT1CH (d). (TNX DXNL)

LX, LUXEMBOURG LX20I is the special call for the LX7I contest station in Eschdorf, Luxembourg to celebrate its 20th anniversary. It will be used for most contests in 2020, starting a single-operator entry in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest (24-26 January). QSL via LX2A. A special LX20I Award will be available. <http://lx7i.com/lx20i/>

LZ, BULGARIA Special call **LZ50BFRA** is active until end 2020 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs. Founded on 26 April 1970, BFRA is the national IARU member society. QSL via LZ1BJ (bureau). (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA Jo, OE4VIE will be active as **OE50MHZ** (WWL JN87dc) until end June. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 6 metres, to mark the 30th anniversary of the allocation- initially subject to severe restrictions - of the Magic Band to Austrian amateurs. QSL via LoTW, paper QSLs will be sent automatically via the bureau.

OE, AUSTRIA Hannes, OE1SGU is active as **OE30MAGICBAND** (WWL JN88eg) until end June to mark the 30th anniversary of the allocation of the 6m band to Austrian amateurs. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA Wolfgang, OE1WWL is celebrating his golden jubilee in amateur radio during 2020 as **OE1970WWL**. An entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB contest is included (March 28-29) as OE0WWL. QSL via home call, bureau and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA OE25EU is celebrating the 25th anniversary since Austria acceded to the European Union. It will be used 21-22 June and during the first full weekends of July-November. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

OH, FINLAND "Pysy kotona" means "stay at home" in Finnish. Ten **OH#PYSYKOTONA** special callsigns with OH0 to OH9 prefixes are active until July 3 to raise awareness for social distancing and remaining at home during the COVID-19 pandemic. The activity is coordinated by the Lahti Amateur Radio Club. (TNX 425DX)

OK, CZECH REPUBLIC Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Czechoslovak DX Club, special callsign **OL30DXC** will be active on all bands and modes from now until 31 December. A special QSL card will be sent automatically- ly via the bureau; direct cards go via OK2PXJ. (TNX 425DX)

OK, CZECH REPUBLIC OK4RQ, OK1VP, OK1AY, OK1DOL, OK6DJ and OK1IWS will be active throughout 2020 with the special event callsign **OL725PLZ** to mark the founding of Plzen 725 years ago. An award is available as well. QSL via Club Log OQRS or OK1DRQ direct. (TNX DXNL)

ON, BELGIUM The Belgian regulator is issuing special callsigns to convey the message "stay home, stay safe". Issued so far are **OR2STAYHOME** (QSL via eQSL),

OT20STAYHOME (QSL via eQSL), **OT2STAYHOME** (QSL via ON7LU) and

OT6STAYSAFE (QSL via ON5YL). (TNX 425DX)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Special station **PA75VERON** is active during 2020 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Vereniging voor Experimenteel Radio Onderzoek in Nederland. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using FT8. QSL via LoTW only.

S5, SLOVENIA Members of the Radio Club Cerkno are active as special event callsign **S500E** throughout 2020. Activity is to mark half a million QSO made from the S50E - JN76AD station. A special QSL will confirm each contact via the bureau in early 2021. LOG will be uploaded on ARRL LoTW and CLUBLOG on a regular basis. For those who want to send card direct please request QSL over Clublog OQRS (preferred) or

send SASE with 3 US\$ or equivalent in EUR to cover return postage to QSL manager Miran Vončina S500, Cvetkova 35, 5282 Cerkno, Slovenija. Cards with insufficient postage or no return envelope will be returned via the QSL bureau. Special S500E T-shirt will be awarded to station with highest number of QSO (band/mode) from each continent and Slovenija. For more information, updates and useful links please visit Radio Club Cerkno S50E website at <http://www.s50e.si/> (TNX S50U)

SP, POLAND Special calls **3Z90PZK**, **HF90PZK**, **SN90PZK** and **SP90PZK** are QRV during 2020 to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Polish Amateur Radio Union (PZK, Poland's IARU Society). Active during the same period are also **HF90TPAR**, **HF90TPBB**, **HF90TPBF**, **HF90TPBG**, **HF90TPCF** and **HF90TPCG**, whose suffixes memorialize the callsigns of the founding members of the Lwowski Klub Krotkofalowcow, the first amateur radio club in Poland and forefather of PZK. QSL via operator's instructions. (TNX 425DX)

UA, RUSSIA Special call **UE45SA** will be active on July 11-19 to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project. Conducted in July 1975, it was the first joint US-Soviet space flight. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via RV3YR. (TNX 425DX)

VE, CANADA **VX3X** commemorates the Apollo 13 space mission until June 30. QSL via VE3IKV (d). (TNX DXNL)

VE, CANADA Jean/VE2JCW will be using the special event callsign **VE2SPEED** during June to refer to the Montreal Grand Prix, although the event is cancelled. QSL via VE2JCW (d). (TNX DXNL)

VK, AUSTRALIA The Western and Northern Suburbs Amateur Radio Club (WANSARC) celebrates its 50th anniversary as **VI50AWS** until end August. All contacts will be confirmed with a special QSL. <https://www.wansarc.org.au/>

VK, AUSTRALIA **AX2020STAYHOME** is a special event callsign issued to the Radio Amateur Society of Australia. It will be used to promote the message "STAY AT HOME" and encourage hams all around the world to isolate at home and get on-air.

VU, INDIA **AT2THC** is a special callsign used until August by the Tripura Ham Radio Club in Agartala to provide assistance during the COVID-19 emergency. QSL via VU2LJB. (TNX 425DX)

XE, MEXICO The special event stations **4A60A**, **4A60M**, **4A60E**, **4A60X**, **4A60I**, **4A60C**, **4A60O**, **4A60N**, **4A60F** and **4A60S** celebrate the founding of the Asociacion de Radio Aficionados de la Republica Mexicana (ARARM) 60 years ago. QRV until July 25. The club also offers an award for contacts with these stations.

XE, MEXICO The DXXE group celebrates their 15th anniversary during 2020 with the special event callsign **4A15DXXE** on HF. Members are also planning operations with special callsigns from other countries. QSL via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

YO, ROMANIA **YO1STAYHOME** and **YO19STAYHOME** are both currently active and will remain on air until September 15. An award is available as well. (TNX DXNL)

YU, SERBIA Look for **YT50SCWC** by the Serbian CW Club to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Operation during 2020. QSL via YU1MM, direct or bureau, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

ZL, NEW ZEALAND At the suggestion of Paul, ZL4TT, we applied to Radio Spectrum Management for, and have been granted, approval to treat the COVID-19 lockdown period as a "special event." This means that, for the duration of the lock down, New Zealand Amateurs may use the **ZM** prefix instead of the **ZL** prefix on their callsign. Please feel free to use these callsigns from today. We hope that the use of the **ZM** prefix will:

- Help to relieve the boredom for amateurs stuck at home over the lockdown period; and
- Increase the profile of New Zealand amateurs (and New Zealand in general) overseas.

ZS, SOUTH AFRICA **ZS1820S** celebrates the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the 1820 British Settlers in the Eastern Cape area of South Africa. The call sign will be active during 2020 on various bands and modes. QSL is via the bureau to ZS2EC, also via LoTW, Club Log and QRZ.

ZS, SOUTH AFRICA Look for **ZS95SARL** during 2020. This to celebrate the 95th anniversary of the South African Radio League, founded in May 1925 as South African Radio Relay League. QRV on HF, VHF, UHF and via satellites. QSL via bureau.

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